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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kim Vilbour Andersen, *et al.*
Application No.: 09/997,623
Filed: November 29, 2001
For: Protein C or Activated Protein C - Like Molecules

Examiner: Kam, Chih Min

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election dated January 16, 2004 in the above-referenced application. Please enter this amendment prior to substantive examination. A petition for a 2-month extension of time, extending the period for response to April 16, 2004, accompanies this amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.